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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 14 and 15 have been canceled. Claims 3 and 16 have been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 2, 14, and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 7,002,995 to Chow et al. in view of Comer, Douglas E., Internetworking with TCP/IP Vol. I: Principles, Protocols, and Architecture, 4th Edition. ("Comer").

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II Objections to Claims

The examiner has indicated that claims 3-13 and 16-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3 and 16 have been amended to independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4-13 and 17-26 depend from one of claims 3 or 16.

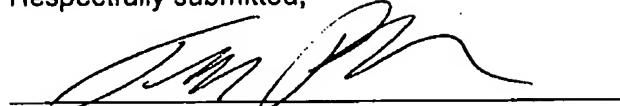
III. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Claims 3-13 and 16-26 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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